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NEWS MEDIA ADVISORY

National Guard's WMD team holds training exercise in Dodge County

The Wisconsin National Guard's 54th Civil Support Team (Weapons of Mass Destruction) is conducting an exercise today [Tuesday, June 3] in Juneau, Wis., in conjunction with its annual certification process.

In the exercise scenario, the Dodge County Sheriff's Department requested support from the Wisconsin National Guard, based on a tip that a fictitious "Wisconsin Badger Militia" is producing a biological warfare agent at 302 South Main St., Juneau, for use in attacks on Wisconsin officials.

The Madison-based 54th CST was notified of the simulated threat at 4:40 a.m. today and is now on site simulating assistance to Dodge County officials.

The former Dodgeland High School is the exercise training site and participants have gathered there and at the incident command post at Juneau City Park, east of the former high school, for the day-long exercise.

The 54th CST is a joint Wisconsin Army and Air National Guard unit designed to support civil authorities at a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear or high-yield explosive incident by identifying agents and substances, assessing current and projected consequences, advising authorities on response measures and assisting with appropriate requests for state support.

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EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: News media representatives are welcome to cover the exercise that began at 7 a.m. and will continue throughout the day. On-site contacts are Col. Todd Nehls and Maj. Tim Covington.